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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, Ofsted inspected Newark Academy on the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> June 2016. The final report is now available for all parents to view on the OFSTED website <http://reports.ofsted.gov.uk> and can also be accessed via our school website [www.newarkacademy.co.uk](http://www.newarkacademy.co.uk)

It is unfortunate that we have been unable to share the report with you sooner but we have been awaiting Ofsted's final moderation and checking processes that have now been completed.

This Autumn, Newark Academy will join the Torch Academy Gateway Trust (TAGT) and I have been appointed by TAGT as the Head of School. As the new Head of School, I fully recognise the concerns raised in this OFSTED report. Having undertaken an extensive review of the school since my arrival 4 weeks prior to this inspection, I share the view that Newark Academy has not been delivering the standard of education its students need and deserve.

The staff at Newark Academy welcome this OFSTED report because it affirms the strategic plan already in place prior to the inspection and gives us a very clear mandate to accelerate the pace of change that Newark Academy needs to secure success. Since the new leadership team began working at the school on 5th September, we have made wide-ranging changes to the Academy and have already begun to address many of the concerns outlined in this report.

The response of students, parents and staff to these changes has been overwhelmingly positive and there is a real sense of renewed purpose and ambition at Newark Academy. Whilst we recognise that there is a long way to go to deliver the outstanding school Newark deserves, we are making the changes that will ensure its long term success.

Many of these changes have already been shared with you via a number of parental information and 'Meet the Head' events where I have also shared our exciting, reinvigorated vision for Newark Academy centred around:

- Firmly establishing Newark Academy as the outstanding local school of choice.
- Inspirational teaching which ignites a passion and commitment to lifelong learning.
- A 'no barriers' approach which ensures every student succeeds and achieves.
- Providing the highest level of pastoral care, which support the growth, development and achievement of all students in a safe and secure environment.

I am delighted by the response of students, parents and carers as we strive to quickly realise our vision. Our forthcoming Parent Forum meetings will provide further opportunities to strengthen relationships between home and school and contribute to cementing Newark Academy as the outstanding local school of choice, which sits at the heart of our community.

Yours sincerely

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